GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CONDITION OF KATIHAR JUTE MILLS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the condition of the katihar jute mill is continuously deteriorating due to the irregularities committed by the management groups;

(b) whether management has been indulging in disbursing the money of provident funds and other funds of the katihar jute mill among the other jute mills;

(c) the concrete steps being taken by the government to curb such irregularities and to rehabilitate the katihar jute mills; and

(d) if so, the details thereof.

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) The Katihar Jute Mill, located at Katihar, Bihar is a private jute mill. The Mill was closed from 26.12.1987 till 11.04.2002. It started production again from 01.07.2002 on lease agreement basis with another private concern. From time to time, the Jute Commissioner is issuing Production Control Orders in the name of Katihar Jute Mills and there is hardly any default in that respect by the said Mill.

(b) As per information furnished by the Provident Fund authorities, the Katihar Jute Mills has an outstanding of Rs. 17.7 lakhs on account of Provident Fund dues.

(c) & (d) The Provident Fund authorities are adequately empowered under the Employees' Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 to deal with the defaults on account of provident fund dues.As per existing statutory provisions, cases of sick units are referred to the Bureau of Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) to examine their rehabilitation and revival. Thereafter, the revival schemes of the units are prepared / examined by the Operating Agency appointed by BIFR which is normally a financial institution. On receipt of the scheme, BIFR decides the cases or rehabilitation of the individual units.